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Applicant(s): Yoshio SATO  
For: DRIVING UNIT OF A WELDING EQUIPMENT  
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2001,  
Applicant responds as follows.

REMARKS

The only issue remaining in this application is the rejection  
of Claims 1, 3-5, 12-15 and 20 under the judicially created doctrine  
of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claims 1-  
20 of U.S. Patent No. 6 223 971. U.S. Patent No. 6 223 971 is  
commonly owned and has the same inventor as this application.  
Attached is a Terminal Disclaimer obviating the above rejection.  
Therefore, Claims 1, 3-5, 12-15 and 20 are now believed allowable.

A check for \$55.00 is included herein for the disclaimer fee  
set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d). The Commissioner is hereby authorized  
to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or  
to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382. A  
duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Further and favorable consideration of the application is  
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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